

## THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL'S JUVENILE LAW COMMITTEE

### **PURPOSE**

The Juvenile Law Committee will provide guidance and direction regarding policies, rules, and legislation surrounding juvenile law, including juvenile justice and child welfare. It will recommend policies, rules, and legislation that improve the effective administration of juvenile law.

### **SCOPE OF ACTIVITY**

The Committee will review all policies, rules and legislation regarding juvenile matters. It will make recommendations regarding the same. The Committee will review systemic issues regarding juvenile law and make recommendations for improvement. It also will collaborate with justice partners to ensure a holistic approach to the development, implementation and evaluation of initiatives involving juvenile matters. The Committee will oversee the review and update of all Judiciary publications and forms related to juvenile law. The Committee will report on its initiatives and other activities, at least annually, to the Judicial Council.

### **COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP**

*Hon. Michael J. Stamm, Chair*

NAME	TERM
Hon. Amy J. Bragunier (7 <sup>th</sup> Circuit)	January 1, 2015 – December 31, 2015
Hon. Edward R.K. Hargadon (8 <sup>th</sup> Circuit)	January 1, 2015 – December 31, 2015
Hon. Patrick L. Woodward (At Large)	January 1, 2015 – December 31, 2015
Hon. Jane C. Murray (2nd Circuit)	January 1, 2015 – December 31, 2015
Hon. Leah J. Seaton (1st Circuit)	January 1, 2015 – December 31, 2015
Hon. Anne K. Albright (6th Circuit)	January 1, 2015 – December 31, 2016
Hon. Sherrie R. Bailey (3 <sup>rd</sup> Circuit)	January 1, 2015 – December 31, 2016
Hon. Daniel A. Dwyer (4th Circuit)	January 1, 2015 – December 31, 2016
Hon. Robert B. Kershaw (8th Circuit)	January 1, 2015 – December 31, 2016
Hon. Leo E. Green, Jr. (7 <sup>th</sup> Circuit)	January 1, 2015 – December 31, 2016
Hon. William A. Tucker (5th Circuit)	January 1, 2015 – December 31, 2016

Tracy Watkins-Tribbitt, *Staff*

### **SUBCOMMITTEES**

#### **NAME: JUVENILE JUSTICE SUBCOMMITTEE**

The scope of activity for the Juvenile Justice Subcommittee would be all matters related to juveniles in delinquent related cases whether in the juvenile or adult courts. The committee will review all of these matters, make recommendations to the Juvenile Law Committee, to include,

but not be limited to, recommendations as to possible legislative matters, update of juvenile related petitions, Maryland Rules and corroborate with the Department of Juvenile Services as to ongoing issues affecting juveniles in the court system.

This subcommittee, through its Chairperson, will present its recommendations to the Juvenile Committee for discussion, review and possible recommendation to the Chief Judge and the Judicial Council.

### **MEMBERSHIP**

Hon. William Tucker, *Chair*  
Family Magistrate John Gunning  
Hon. Paul J. Hanley  
Family Magistrate Jeffrey Moffat  
Family Magistrate Kristin Peacock  
Family Magistrate Richard Sandy  
Family Magistrate Lara Weathersbee

Abigail Hill and Sarah Kaplan, *Staff*

### **EXPECTED DURATION**

Indefinite.

### **NAME: FOSTER CARE COURT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM SUBCOMMITTEE**

The scope of activity for the Foster Care Court Improvement Program Subcommittee would be all matters related to juveniles and young adults involved in Child in Need of Assistance (CINA), termination of parental rights, and adoption and will provide oversight of the Federal Court Improvement Program grant awarded to the Court. The subcommittee review all of these matters, make recommendations to the Juvenile Law Committee, to include, but not be limited to, recommendations as to possible legislative matters, update of foster care and neglect related petitions, Maryland Rules, recommend and identify new program initiatives, review and recommend all grant awards related to foster care and corroborate with the Department of Social Services as to ongoing and possible issues affecting juveniles in the Court system.

This subcommittee, through its Chairperson, will present its recommendations to the Juvenile Law Committee for discussion, review and possible recommendation to the Chief Judge and the Judicial Council.

### **MEMBERSHIP**

Hon. Patrick L. Woodward, *Chair*  
Hon. Theresa M. Adams  
Hon. William O. Carr  
Family Magistrate Althea Stewart Jones

Hon. Cheryl A. McCally  
Hon. David W. Young

Hope G. Gary, Esq., *Staff*

## **EXPECTED DURATION**

Expected Duration of this subcommittee is indefinite.

## **WORKGROUPS**

### **NAME: JUVENILE JUSTICE SUBCOMMITTEE WORKGROUPS**

The Juvenile Justice Subcommittee, after approval by the Juvenile Law Committee, may form work groups to assist with topics that are within the prerogative of the subcommittee. Said workgroups will be temporary and upon creation will have a stated purpose, expected duration, membership limited to no more than four (4) members, plus an assigned staff member and anticipated work product. Membership of the work group may consist of Judges, Masters/Magistrates or other professionals agreed to by the Juvenile Law Committee. Membership on a workgroup will be as needed to fulfill the needs of the subject matter, with one (1) member of the Subcommittee as its lead reporting to the Subcommittee Chairperson. There will be no requirement that the remaining three (3) members of the workgroup be on either the Committee or the Subcommittee.

Workgroups will present to the subcommittee chairperson a report which will be presented to the rest of said subcommittee for approval, amendment and recommendation. If appropriate, the report will be presented to the Juvenile Law Committee.

### **NAME: FOSTER CARE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM WORKGROUPS**

The Foster Care Court Improvement Program Subcommittee, after approval by the Juvenile Law Committee, may form work groups to assist in its role with a topic that is within the prerogative of the subcommittee. Specialized issues that develop should be assigned to said subcommittee members or the Chairperson of the subcommittee may request a work group.

Said workgroups will be temporary and upon creation will have a stated purpose, expected duration, membership limited to no more than six (6) members, plus an assigned staff member and anticipated work product. Membership of the work group may consist of Judges, Masters/Magistrates or other professionals agreed to by the Juvenile Law Committee. Membership on a workgroup will be as needed to fulfill the needs of the subject matter, with one (1) member of the Subcommittee as its lead reporting to the Subcommittee Chairperson. There will be no requirement that the remaining members of the workgroup be on either the Committee or the Subcommittee.

Due to the special nature of some of the topics within the purview of the Foster Care Improvement Program Subcommittee, the following six (6) stake holders may have representatives appointed to a workgroup as needed as “other professionals” members representing the Executive Director of the Maryland Social Services Administration of the Department of Human Resources, the Director of the Citizen’s Review Board for Children, the State Board of Education, member of the Maryland House of Delegates, member of the Maryland Senate and of the Department of Juvenile Services. The above groups have been participants since the implementation of the Foster Care Court Improvement Project with the exception of the Department of Juvenile Services.

Workgroups will present to the subcommittee chairperson a report which will be presented to the rest of said subcommittee for approval, amendment and recommendation. If appropriate, the report will be presented to the Juvenile Committee.